Oxycontin

Learning Objective

- Identify the dangers of Oxycontin misuse and abuse.

What is Oxycontin

- Oxycontin is an opium derivative that is available by prescription.
- Oxycontin is an extremely potent and addictive pain killer that comes in time release tablets.
- Prescribed to cancer patients and chronic pain sufferers to help manage their pain.

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- Pills can be prescribed in 10, 20 and 40 milligram doses.
- Oxycontin is also known as OCs, Oxycoffins, Oxycotton and Killers
- Was approved by the FDA in 1995 as a time released form of Oxycodone.
- Because of its time release mechanism, oxycontin should only be consumed in its pill form.
- Oxycontin has been linked to

Minor Side Effects

- Constipation
- Dizziness
- Confusion
- Drowsiness
- Nausea / Vomiting
- Heartburn
- Pinpoint Pupils
- Dry Mouth

Oxycontin in 10, 20, 40, and 80 milligrams

Serious Side Effects

- Chest Pains
- Muscle Weakness
- Skin Rashes
- Breathing Difficulties
- Seizures
- Unconsciousness / Coma
- Death

Oxycontin Testing in the Army

- The Army tests for Oxycontin on a rotational schedule.

- The illegal use of Oxycontin or any drug goes against Army Values and Warrior Pride.

Additional Information

Additional information on Oxycontin can be found by contacting the Army Substance Abuse Program or by visiting www.acsap.army.mil.

WARRIOR

Personal Courage: Possess the Personal Courage not to use drugs or abuse alcohol and to notify the Chain of Command of Soldiers that do.

Respect: Show your Respect to the Army, your unit, fellow Soldiers, and yourself by staying drug free and drinking responsibly.

Integrity: Stay true to the Army Values and Warrior Ethos by supporting the Army's drug and alcohol policies.

Duty: Do your duty as a Soldier and stay mentally and physically tough by not using drugs or abusing alcohol.

Excellence: Exhibit honorable behavior on and off duty - don't be a substance abuser!

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